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1. Experiments are underway in a Budapest hospital to treat severe cases of cancer with Trichloroethylene, a new drug produced in Hungary. Positive results have been obtained to date in only three percent of the cases. Other experiments in cancer treatment in the same hospital are being made with blood transfusions of a blood group other than the patient's; this has also been limited to advanced, incurable cancer cases, and positive results have been obtained in only up to three percent of the cases. 25X1
2. Medical boards in Hungary are examining hundreds of patients a day to determine their medical grading and fitness for work. The boards meet in out-patient clinics in towns and larger villages, and make no discrimination between people to be employed in hard physical labor or others. A board physician makes an average of 300 cardiograph examinations in one day, but cardiograms are not made.
3. Physicians in Hungary complain constantly about the low standard of locally produced drugs. Although pharmaceuticals are produced on a wide range and are made available in sufficient quantities, their correct composition and effectiveness cannot be relied upon. The incompetency of chemists and laboratory workers and their lack of interest in their work appear to be the cause. The fact, repeatedly proved in practice, is that drugs allegedly identical in composition with foreign products have failed to bring about the desired results in the treatment of patients.
4. In the summer of 1954 there was a polio epidemic in Hungary of an extent hitherto unknown in the country. Gamma Globulin is produced in Hungary, which indicates that the local industry succeeded in fractionating blood.

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